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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN ASYLUM CASE - SGT WALNER

1. HUNGARIAN DEPUTY ICCS DELEGATE IMRE URANOVICZ CALLED EMBOFF MARCH 14 REGARDING SGT. GYORGY WALNER, MEMBER HUNGARIAN ICCS MILITARY DELEGATION WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM WITH AUSTRALIANS AND WAS PERMITTED EMIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA. URANOVICZ HAD JUST MADE SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO AUSTRALIAN DCM HERE.

2. STATING THAT THIS WAS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION, AND THAT HE WAS ACTING UNDER EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY, URANOVICZ SAID THAT THE HUNGARIANS WANTED WALNER BACK. AS A MINIMUM, THEY WANTED TO TALK WITH HIM. EMBOFF REPLIED (AND STATED HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT HIS CONVERSATION WOULD CONSTITUTE US REPLY TO HIS REPRESENTATION) THAT ANY SUCH PRESENTATION TO THE US WAS MISDIRECTED. WE HAD NEVER EVEN SEEN WALNER. EMBOFF UNDERSTOOD THAT WALNER WAS PRESENTLY IN AUSTRALIA, AND THAT THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION HAD ISSUED A SHORT, OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING WALNER' S
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EMIGRATION.

3. URANOVICZ ASKED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT EMBOFF PASS ON TO AUSTRALIANS THE HUNGARIAN REQUEST THAT WALNER INCIDENT NOT BE PLAYED UP, BUT THAT IT CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS AN EMIGRATION CASE. HUNGARIANS ONE YEAR AGO RAISED THEIR REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRALIA TO EMBASSY LEVEL, AND URANOVICA THOUGHT IF CASE WERE EXPLOITED BY THE AUSTRALIANS, IT WOULD AFFECT THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT AUSTRALIANS SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE NOTIFIED THE HUNGARIAN ICCS DELEGATION AND GIVEN THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WALNER, RATHER THAN READING ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS. " WALNER WAS A SMALL FRY OF NO IMPORTANCE AT ALL, AND DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURE WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THAT WE BE NOTIFIED. AFTER ALL, WE COULD HAVE DONE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO STOP HIS LEAVING VIET- NAM."

4. THE FOREGOING HAS BEEN PASSED IN SUBSTANCE TO THE AUSTRALIAN DCM WHO BELIEVES THAT LEVEL HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATION IN AUSTRALIA REMAINS CONGEN IN SYDNEY. URANOVICZ' S PRESENTATION TO EMBOFF PARA 2 ABOVE, WHILE EARNESTLY MADE, WAS UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH URANOVICZ AND EMBOFF TO HAVE BEEN MADE " FOR THE RECORD".
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